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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly moderate at best with some areas reporting increased movement, but still below desired levels. Supplies were at least adequate and difficult to place even though heavily discounted. In the parts structure, trading for wings slowed and supplies were building. Breast items were balanced to short and moving best for bone-in breasts, and all other items were usually sufficient with fair interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/17-01/22/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		WTD AVG	COMPOSITE LOADS
	MAJORITY	RANGE		
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	41.00-44.00	33.00-60.75	43.75	23
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	62.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	63.00	—		
New York	41.00-44.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	63.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	56.00-58.00	33.50-59.00	56.62	80

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
550	53.01-60.75	58.11
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	131.00	2,996
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.50	1,688
THIGH MEAT - B/S	71.50	371
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	7,153
WINGS	79.50	2,206

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly weak. Demand continued to lack strength even with heavily discounted product being offered. Supplies were fully adequate to burdensome. In the parts structure, wings were balanced but interest began to taper. Breast items were irregular with bone-in in the best position. Dark meat items were usually sufficient with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was weak with preliminary majority prices 1 cent lower than last Fridays' levels. Offerings were easily adequate for full trade needs. Buying activity was light to moderate. Retailer demand was moderate overall, with improvement noted in some areas to cover planned store features. Dealers anticipated fair weekend clearances. The market tone was about steady on parts with bone-in breasts in the strongest position.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading were 4 cents lower into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate to heavy. Fill in trading in Ohio noted on whole fryers at 42 cents and wogs at 39 cents. Movement into all channels was slow to fair, limited features and food service moving best. Floor stocks adequate to ample, sizes desirable. Parts trading light to fair, instances fairly good on bone-in breasts. Supplies were at least adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on wings, about steady on the balance.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole fryers was light and unaggressive. Offerings easily covered current trade needs and discounting continued. Retail and distributive movement was generally slow. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were usually short, boneless skinless breasts were beginning to strengthen and the balance was about steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased mainly due to the holiday lengthened weekend and plants changing shipping dates due to operations shutting down Monday. Offerings remained ample but much of the early week production had cleared. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were heavy when added to spot operations planned for Saturday; however, several plants planned to close on Monday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 44 to 56 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Bone-in breasts were in best demand and wings continue to build.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	41-56
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.20
NO. OF BOXES	9,527
CUMULATIVE	01/10/00-01/14/00 51.14
	01/11/99-01/15/99 60.44
NO. OF BOXES	01/10/00-01/14/00 50,222
	01/11/99-01/15/99 35,861

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

JAN 13, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 14, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	533	113.00-164.00	115-125	124.64	664	113.00-164.00	115-120	123.77	3,174	123.54
TENDERLOINS	88	115.00-170.00	-	127.39	206	105.00-200.00	-	155.56	740	142.53
BREAST - LINE RUN	176	56.00-68.50	56-58	61.68	123	61.00-68.50	61-62	61.49	635	58.54
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT								352	49.25
LEGS	46	27.00-34.00	27-28	27.91	52	27.00-34.00	-	28.62	236	28.07
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	419	15.75-19.00	16-18	16.49	662	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.69	2,058	16.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	977	17.50-21.00	20	19.80	1,240	17.50-21.00	20-21	19.97	7,428	19.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	72.00-79.50	72-75	76.08	103	72.00-79.50	-	75.59	451	76.53
WINGS (CUT)	356	80.00-90.00	-	87.42	581	80.00-92.00	89-90	89.27	2,523	89.40
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		45	34.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		25	34.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		340	67.86

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR JAN 13, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JAN 14, 2000— F.O.B. DOCK.					

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JAN 14, 2000— F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S				TODAY'S				5-DAY	
AVERAGE				AVERAGE				AVERAGE	
RANGE				RANGE					
31.00 - 35.00				29.00 - 33.00				31.34	
33.05				31.34				32.68	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying was generally fair heading into the long weekend. Offerings were mixed. Bone-in breasts were mostly tight and commanded premiums. Boneless, skinless breasts were adequate to occasionally short. The balance of items ranged adequate to available. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was about moderate. The market tone was about steady to firm with bone-in breasts in the strongest position.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED

BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

JAN 14, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125	129.99	310,591		125-130	124.88	709,040		126.30	2,448,231
TENDERLOINS	120-125	120.31	82,080		120	116.48	107,120		121.90	439,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	58.83	205,160		55-56	60.49	254,640		59.22	1,067,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	55.88	173,000		55	57.78	104,360		53.49	818,640
LEGS	26-27	31.62	198,360		26-27	32.30	242,920		31.69	1,102,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.70	452,490		16-17	18.65	483,360		18.56	2,495,809
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.07	84,100		34-35	34.54	85,060		33.23	447,840
THIGHS	21-22	28.86	78,240		21-22	30.35	55,120		27.23	461,520
B/S THIGHS	70-71	75.46	24,000		70-71	75.08	34,400		75.06	137,870
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-76	84.07	259,720		75-76	83.30	237,320		83.51	1,138,860
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	50,840		10-12	12.00	53,600		12.02	259,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.91	41,440		30-35	35.07	44,680		35.81	226,730
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.13	81,240		55-60	60.14	82,240		62.65	377,290

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	01/14	01/13	01/12	01/11	01/12	01/11	01/07	01/05
ALA	3,989	3,921	3,687	3,775	5.06	5.12	4,061	5.12
ARK	5,726	4,945	5,108	5,154	4.89	5.00	5,850	5.04
DELMARVA	2,767	2,433	2,415	2,454	5.24	5.24	2,824	5.25
KY-LA-TN	1,997	1,864	2,055	2,046	4.38	4.49	2,397	4.49
MISS	2,637	2,649	2,644	2,527	4.98	5.07	3,011	4.91
NC	3,456	2,624	2,522	2,600	5.23	5.87	3,345	5.75
TEXAS	2,227	2,225	2,246	2,196	4.76	4.73	2,223	4.74
TOTAL	22,799	20,661	20,677	20,752	5.02	5.09	23,711	5.06
MON-FRI	106,498(A)						103,874(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jan 00

15-Jan-00 is estimated to be 34,110,000 down 4.13 percent from a week ago and down 2.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,581,000; last year 35,007,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 15-Jan-00 is estimated to be 159,938,000 head up 2.8

percent from a week ago, and up 2.8 percent from a year ago

(Last week 155,587,000 Last year 155,640,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	79-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	92-98
HENS OVER 5#	104-107
DUCKS	112
	98
	91
	149-162

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jan, 01, 1999 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	22,793	29,077	37,573
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.13
% of total /1	25%	33%	42%

COMPARISONS

Last week	23,672	18,799	23,906
Avg Weight	3.77	4.81	6.20
% of total /1	36%	28%	36%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,344	23,914	40,193
Avg Weight	3.86	4.75	6.07
% of total /1	35%	24%	41%
To date/1999	1,628,761	1,584,270	2,088,413
To date/1998	1,719,588	1,792,028	1,584,516

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 08-Jan-00 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	155,587(A)	2,007	1,626	3,633	462
AVG WT	5.01	3.24	7.71	5.24	6.08
LAST WEEK	127,584	1,596	980	2,576	333
YR AGO	155,318	2,136	1,390	3,526	499
AVG WT	4.89	3.74	7.97	5.41	6.59
TO-DATE/2000	155,587	2,007	1,626	3,633	462
TO-DATE/1999	155,318	2,136	1,390	3,526	499

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.5 million head or 13.2 million head more than or 109 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY -- DATE OF AUCTION JAN 11, 2000
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.40 - .62	Silkie	2.75 - 3.50ea
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.40 - .62	Pigeons	1.75 - 2.25ea
Pekin Ducks	.60 - .74	White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.25ea
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .54	Rabbits 4-6	1.20 - 1.92
Red Fowl 5-6	.60 - .82	Rabbits 7-11	1.00 - 1.58
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 - .94	Bunnies	1.00 - 3.50ea
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - 1.02	Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 5.50ea
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.60 - .94	Kid Goats	14.00 - 35.00ea
Guinea Fowl	2.10 - 2.45	Doves	2.50 - 5.50ea
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 5.75 ea.	Pullets 4-6	.60 - .78
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50 ea.		
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32	Total Coops Sold	676
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .54		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 10-JAN-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-57	54-55
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71-83	71-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Product demand was good. Weights were desirable to heavy. Slaughter schedules were full-time to over time this week. Prices to first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards at \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-0.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15. PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 10-JAN-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 4	155.9	143.6	109	5.08
11	153.3	144.1	106	5.01
18	150.8	139.5	108	5.05
25	118.9	137.9	86	5.05
JANUARY 1	129.1	140.4	92	4.89
8	157.5	144.3	109	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	157.5	144.3	109	
JANUARY 15		148.5		
22		150.6		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 08-Jan-00

IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,809 HD, 25,392 lbs., Light Hens 120 HD, 400 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	01/15/00	01/08/00	% CHG	01/16/99	% CHG
Broilers	159,938	*155,587	+03	*155,640	+03
Cattle	694	680	+02	*736	-06
Hogs	1,985	1,914	+04	*2,124	-06

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were irregular on light cannery and generally unchanged to slightly higher on heavies. Demand was light to moderate best on heavy cannery. Offerings were adequate on lights, and not as available but adequate to occasionally short on heavies. Market conditions were usually steady on lights, but somewhat improved on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY	31-37 MAJORITY 34.5-35.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY	32-37 MAJORITY 36.25-37

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was only fair for the adequate offerings. Processing schedules ranged from normal to reduced for next week operating schedules. The undertone was no better than steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report. Demand was fair but not aggressive for reduced but adequate offerings. Processing schedules were irregular for next week schedules. The undertone was generally steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.5 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants generally worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were full-time or better. Trade sentiment about steady.

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